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Editorials

Modern Living Quarters Too Small

People have attributed modern jitters to this and that, but it seems to us that modern houses have quite a lot to do with it. They're too small. Or if they're too big they're beyond the reach of an ordinary mortal's pocketbook.

Old-time three-storey houses may have been a headache to the busy housewife. They may have cost a princely sum to heat, and a king's ransom to paint. But at least you could hie away to the attic to get away from it all. In the modern house there's no place to hie and no place to hide.

Nowadays living rooms are full of television sets, bedrooms are scarcely big enough for a bed and a chest of drawers, kitchens are designed so the housewife can lean over from the stove to the sink to the kitchen table. Modern bathrooms are hardly big enough to read in, and dining rooms went out with the advent of the new era of prosperity.

There's a lot of talk these days about gracious living. What we'd like to see for a change is a little spacious living. —Wingham Advance.

Be Careful When Using Power Mower

Watch out for small stones, pieces of glass and bits of metal on the lawn when you are mowing it with a power mower. There is some risk in the handling of this labor-saving device. Rotary blades turning at high speed hurl objects with terrific force.

Recently a little Fort William girl was badly cut on the head by a flying piece of rock from a power lawn mower. A Tiverton, R.L., woman, standing on a street corner near where a man was using a rotary mower, suffered a serious leg injury when the blade hit a loose stone.

Manufacturers of these devices are taking note of some of the hazards, and some of them have made changes minimizing the risk of injury. For example, they are closing some of the side or front "ports" in the casing. The reason is apparent.

Users who have hit even small stones report that the whirling blade propelled these stones through these ports with tremendous velocity. In one instance the blade pulverized a stone; a piece of it struck a nearby garage and made a dent an inch deep in the garage's outer surface.

Obviously this kind of thing may happen only rarely, and it is no reason to abandon use of the rotary mower. But it does suggest that you watch what you are doing when using the mower. If the machine is being used on rough ground, raise the blade so you are not so apt to hit obstructions — good advice to save the blade, incidentally. If there are loose stones on the lawn, rake them up before mowing.

Too Busy For Responsibility

Of recent weeks an effort has been made by several local girls to organize a tennis club in Stouffville, once quite a flourishing pastime in the town park. The girls have not had much success in their venture and find everyone too busy to help, to take any responsibility or even time to recreate.

This summer Stouffville missed both their Horse Show and the Lions Club summer carnival. There is an obvious lack of interest in the organizing of recreational events as well as entertaining projects. Few there are who, if approached, seem to have time for anything. Life has become such a dizzy whirl that we just don't seem to have time to help with or take part in those things which a few years back were looked forward to as big events of the year.

It's regrettable that such is the case. Stouffville, like some of the neighboring communities, is being drawn ever closer into the Toronto orbit, an orbit which smother's all community identity. The events which are mentioned above as well as the clubs and organizations of the town are part of the community life which help to maintain that community's name, to advertise it, keep its niceness, that sets it apart from the big city. Little by little as these things slip into disregard, as we become ever too busy to keep them going, we find ourselves swallowed up by this great urban area ever growing around us.

Those of us who have spent a lifetime in the community should not shirk any effort which will stem this trend and help to keep Stouffville well advertised as a real community centre and a fine place in which to live.

What's The Law?

If a release is signed by the injured person shortly after an accident, does that prevent him from suing later for further damage from the accident? Not in every case. But the general rule is that once a settlement has been reached after negotiations, such a settlement is final.

Not long ago in Toronto a woman hurt her knee when trying to alight from a bus. The bus company was negligent and therefore liable for what injury she suffered. A little more than a week after the accident she discussed her injury with an adjuster for the bus company. She did not consider the injury to be serious enough to see her doctor about. After discussing it with the adjuster she willingly signed the usual release of all her claims arising out of the accident in return for \$10. Her husband wasn't present at this discussion and did not sign the release. Not long after this she took a daughter to the doctor and while waiting in his office mentioned that her knee was both

ering her. It turned out that as a result of the accident she had suffered a sharp nervous breakdown for which she had to go to hospital.

She and her husband sued the bus company for this injury that appeared later and for the medical and hospital accounts. The Court held that she could not recover because she had signed the release. The fact that she had not been aware at the time of the extent of her injury made no difference. However, since the husband had not signed the release, he could recover the sums he had paid for hospital and medical bills.

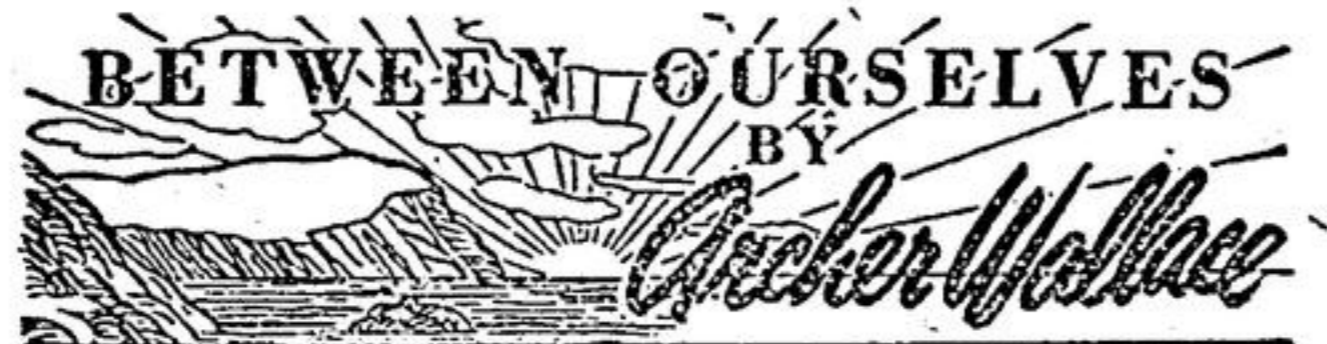
But if it is clear that the injured person intended to give a release for only part of his claim, then his signature on even a general release will not bar him from recovering further damages.

So where a Hamilton man endorsed a cheque, which was also a form of release, to pay the garage bill for damage to his car, he later recovered about \$7,000 for his personal injuries. The Court held that by signing the release form on the back of the cheque all he intended was to accept that sum in payment of the damage to his car, nothing more.

LAFF OF THE WEEK



"I DID let it run awhile!"



The Second Mile

A FEW MONTHS ago a man died who stands out as one of the most interesting men I have known. He came to Canada from England through one of the agencies which places boys on farms. Early in the nineties of the last century he was taken to a newly developed part of Northern Ontario. The people with whom he lived were themselves poor; they went where land was cheap and the work of clearing bush difficult. He remained there the greater part of his life; many miles behind the railway, working hard although always in delicate health.

His chief characteristic was his complete devotion to the teaching of Jesus Christ. His humility and self-effacement was such as I have seldom ever known. Although not well educated he was intelligent and deeply religious. I have known many prominent churchmen in whom there was little humility, men vocal in the councils of churches but whose gifts and responsibilities had made them self-willed, occasionally domineering. I am not writing this critically; I know leaders have to be clear and emphatic and the church needs men who have strong opinions and convictions. But no one would say humility was a characteristic of our age. This backwoods farmer was different. There was in him a deep strain of something which made others think of Jesus.

AFTER OUR REMOVAL to Toronto my wife and I decided to ask him to visit us during the National Exhibition. He had never seen even a town and we felt sure he would be thrilled at the crowds and the exhibits. It would be a highlight in his experience.

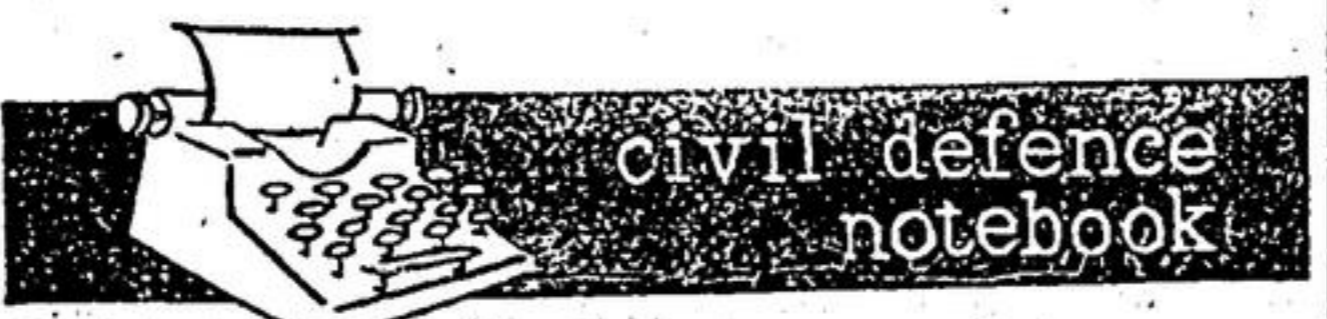
HE CAME and in his first visit to the Fair he lost two hundred dollars which he had in his hip-pocket. Characteristically he blamed it on his own carelessness. He refused to think he had been robbed; it has just fallen out. Two hundred dollars in those days, and to a man trying to eke out a living on a stoney, backwoods farm, was a lot of money. My wife and I were quite distressed but his own attitude to the incident was something I have remembered over the years. He said: "If the man or woman who found that money needs it more than I do — it's all right with me." There was no bitterness or resentment; not even a trace of self-pity; just a hope that some unfortunate person had been benefited.

WHAT KIND of a world would it be if it were made up of men like that? I do not dare to hazard an opinion. In any case it would be only a guess. A great newspaper man wrote a book a few years ago, in which he spoke scornfully of those who allowed others to push them aside in life's keen competition. "Stand up for your rights," he urged, "and don't let others get in your way." He wouldn't have thought much of my friend from the North. He would have called him a fool. The two men were poles asunder.

WHEN SAINT PAUL was writing to the Corinthian Christians, nineteen centuries ago, he set forth the Christian ideal. He wrote: "Love seeketh not her own." If he had said that love does not seek that which belongs to others, we could understand him better. But he insisted that love does not say: "I'll have my own — nobody will put anything over me. I'll have my rights."

PERHAPS MY NORTHERN FRIEND wasn't such a fool after all. Anyway he passed on recently at the age of 77, leaving behind him a record of a blameless life. When I learned of his passing I wrote to his daughter; I hope what I said will help her realize what a truly noble man he was.

OUR QUOTATION TODAY, is by Goethe: "A good man, like ripening corn, bends his head in humility."



Shelters And Civil Defence

(20th in a series of 24 articles)

A few strategically placed sandbags and some stout timbers, materials often used in air raid shelters during the Second World War, would be less than useless against a hydrogen bomb blast, but they might save you from death or serious injury in the radioactive aftermath of the blast.

Shelter — any kind is better than none — still affords protection from all effects of an H-Bomb explosion: blast, heat, initial radiation and residual radiation. But shelters have changed since the comparatively puny bombs were falling in the last war.

Civil defence officials say no shelter would save persons near the centre of an H-Bomb explosion, but chances for survival would be good if adequate shelter were taken quickly outside the zone of complete destruction.

Since Canada's civil defence plan is based on mass evacuation of the areas likely to be hit by an H-Bomb, the fall-out shelter has taken on special significance. But for those who couldn't get far enough away in time, a basement shelter of reinforced concrete likely would provide the best protection from blast and heat.

Civil defence officials who have seen United States nuclear tests estimate that if an H-Bomb of five megatons — the equivalent of five million tons of TNT, were exploded, there would be complete destruction within a radius of about three miles but beyond that, adequate shelter would save those in fringe areas where damage would be terrific but not 100 per cent.

F. F. Worthington, Federal Civil Defence Co-ordinator, who witnessed a recent Nevada test, said basement shelters in houses in the B zone — from three to six miles from the centre of the blast — remained intact although some of the house collapsed around them. These were a built-in concrete box-shelter, a lean-to against a basement wall and a portable tubular steel box covered with corrugated iron.

But a shelter from fall-out is different from a blast shelter. The former requires thickness rather than the strength of the latter.

The blast protection from fall-out — the radioactive dust that settles over large areas following an H-Bomb blast — is an outdoor underground shelter covered with at least three feet of earth. A root-cellar would be a natural one. The earth will provide a shield

For Parents Only



Neighbours

By Nancy Cleaver

"There doesn't seem time any more to do the little things that make a 'good neighbour', a mother of several children said wistfully. She was calling to say good-bye to our family. We were moving over a thousand miles away to Winnipeg, and I did appreciate her taking time to visit me.

I regretted that I didn't know my neighbour better. It was my own fault, because she was younger than I and more tied to her house with small youngsters. Several times I had wondered about offering to mind her-baby so she would be free to shop or see a movie, but somehow I had failed to phone her, to see if this would be a help. Now it was too late. I resolved to be a better neighbour in the next community which was to be our home.

I remembered what a friendly street I had lived on as a child in a small town where everyone knew everyone else. "When we were quarantined with various childish diseases what delicious broth, what tasty custards and crunchy cookies were handed in the door by our neighbours!"

In times of sickness and sorrow, people's hearts are touched and they are moved to express their sympathy in practical ways. So often a widow, left alone to raise her children without her husband's financial help and moral support, has declared years later, "I don't know how I ever would have managed if I hadn't had such marvellous neighbours!" "Better is a neighbour that is near than a brother far off." That is just as true today as it was centuries ago in Bible times.

When our paths are smooth, small vexations frequently become magnified in a neighbourhood. Ellis Parker Butler, who wrote the delightful nonsense story, "Pigs is Pigs," once observed, "It is other folks' dogs and children that make most of the bad feelin's between neighbours." Observing the property rights of the folks who live beside us by doing our best to keep our "small fry" — (both two and four legged) off their lawn is one good way to maintain a happy relationship.

In pioneer days, when neighbours lived long distances apart, homemakers, weary with the demands of feeding and clothing and keeping a family clean, looked up with delight when they caught a glimpse of a neighbour coming to call. Neighbours helped each other in work-vees of various sorts — to raise a new barn or thresh the harvest.

Willie Cather, in her word-picture of early times in Quebec, wrote "Only solitary men know the full joys of friendship." She also once made this comment, "Sometimes a neighbour whom we have disliked a lifetime for his arrogance and conceit lets fall a single commonplace remark that shows us another side, another man, really; a man uncertain, and puzzled, and in the dark like ourselves." Life teaches most of us sympathy. We discover how dependent we are on each other!

In every community in which we have lived, we have been blessed with wonderful neighbours. Words fail to describe the welcome which has greeted us in this Gateway to the West! The threat of a flood draws people together. The vital importance of the old slogan "Each for all and all for each" is once

against radiation and civil defence authorities estimate that such a shelter would cut the radiation intensity to only about one five-thousandth of the rate above ground.

Next best would be a basement shelter. Here again, concrete is perhaps the best material. For blast it must be reinforced, but not for radioactivity, and the thickness required can be reduced by putting high density materials into it. For those with no prepared shelter, the basement is the best place in the house to go. Radiation there would be about one-tenth what it was outside. In a house that has no basement, closing the windows and doors and remaining on the first floor of an ordinary frame house would cut radiation by half. In a brick or stone house radiation intensity would be less.

A shelter should be stocked with a seven-day food and water supply, blankets, first-aid kit, flashlight with extra batteries and a battery-powered radio. The middle of a large barn would be a good place to go in a fall-out area if there were no other one. Added protection could be achieved there by stacking bales of hay or straw around you.

A person caught in open country in a fall-out area could reduce the danger by remaining in his car with the windows closed or taking cover in a thick growth of trees. If there were time and a person had anything to dig with, a fox-hole with some kind of cover would help. The important thing, civil defence officials say, is to get under something — anything that will keep the fall-out off you.

again in the spotlight. We are filled with admiration for the spirit of mutual helpfulness which is the core of real neighbourliness. The other night we watched a gang of men and older boys filling sand bags, carrying them and placing them in line, three-deep on the top of the permanent dyke wall. We asked one worker, who paused to warm his stiff fingers at the embers of the camp-fire, "Which is your home?" He answered with a grin, "Oh, I don't live out here! But I did in 1930 — so I volunteered at once to help each night after work." (Copyright)

From Our Early Files

July 8, 1926
A. J. Ward, The Brierbush, announces he will not break up his Black Giant pen for hatching eggs until later in the season, owing to so many orders still coming along.

Mr. Alex Grubin's block was improved last week with a new roofing material called Ruberoid, for which Mr. Sanders is the local agent.

Mr. Alfred Pugh has sold his horse MacBrino, owned and raised by the late Peter Wideman, to Mr. E. Wilbur of Taunton, Ont. MacBrino will go to his new owner on July 10th at a price which is said to be a fancy one.

Dr. D. R. Davies announced last week that he would open dental parlors in Stouffville, but has now decided not to come and authorized us to make this statement for him. The doctor has been in Oshawa and is anxious to leave the motor city.

Mr. Henry Madill, director of Ceremonies for Ontario Loyal County Orange Association, was in town on Monday looking up a suitable steed with which he will impersonate William of Orange, on the 12th of July Walk to be held in Stouffville.

One horse light spring wagon for sale — Mrs. Levi Hoover, Stouffville.



The Dickens you say...

Maybe Charles Dickens was gazing into a crystal — or aluminum — ball when he made this prediction a century ago about a strange new metal called aluminum. He wrote:

"What do you think of metal as white as silver, as unalterable as gold, as easily melted as copper, as tough as iron? ... In proportion as the cheap production of aluminum becomes more and more an established fact, the more we shall find it entering into household uses — for travelling purposes, for instance, for which its lightness is no small merit."

Very good, Charles — especially that bit about cheap production. That day has arrived, as Alcan's vast production and world sales prove.

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The Sunday School Lesson

WE BELONG TO A GREAT COMPANY (Lesson for July 22)
Acts 2:44-47; Heb. 10:19-25; Heb. 11:1 to 13:8;
Golden Text—Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us. — Heb. 12:1

THE LESSON AS A WHOLE

Approach to the Lesson
The Prophet Habakkuk, long before the New Testament was written, enunciated the great New Testament principle, "The just shall live by his faith." We might be tempted to say that he lived before his time, except for this, that this New Testament principle which has determined man's relationship with God from the beginning. The introduction of the Law did not alter this principle, neither did the ancient ordinances, but back of both Law and ordinances there is this unchanging fact of faith. But this motto took on new meaning with the inauguration of the New Testament, so that the Apostle Paul set it up as a banner. It is central to his teaching in the great Epistle to the Romans. It is his battle cry in his Letter to the Galatians, and if he is indeed the writer of the Epistle to the Hebrews he makes it his trumpet call here also — (Heb. 10:38).

The Epistle to the Hebrews was written for the very purpose of renewing the flagging faith of the Hebrew Christians. Doctrine and precept mingle in this mighty document, culminating in the reiteration of this great truth, "Now the just shall live by faith; but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him." What would be more normal than to follow this with a reminder that their fathers were men of steadfast faith? This he does in the eleventh chapter, which certainly contains the honor roll of faith, and leads to that rousing exhortation in the twelfth chapter where faith has its vision fixed upon Jesus.

Our lesson takes up the latter portion of the great faith chapter with its rapid summing up of the achievements of faith.

Verse 37—"... stoned... sawn asunder... destitute, afflicted, tormented." Zechariah was stoned (2 Chron. 24:20, 21). Do not confuse him with the second last prophet of the Old Testament. There is an ancient Jewish tradition that Isaiah was sawn asunder with wooden saws in the days of the wicked Manasseh.

Verse 38—"... (Of whom the world was not worthy):... dens and caves of the earth." The world deemed them unworthy, as they did both Jesus and Paul. This verse reminds us of David's flight from Saul.

Verse 39—"... having obtained a good report... received not the promise." These all had the witness of faith, but while knowing the faithfulness of God in many promises (v. 33), did not see the realization of the great promise of redemption.

Verse 40—"... better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect." The "better thing" is the accomplished work of Christ, toward which all the promises pointed. The conclusion to which we come is that the Old Testament saints and the New Testament saints are perfected together — in Christ.

Chap. 12:1—"... so great a cloud of witnesses... lay aside every weight... run with patience the race that is set before us." The witnesses are the saints of the past, who testify to the faithfulness of God, and so encourage us who are now in the race. Every "weight" carries its own potential of sin. Getting rid of "weights," is a good way to avoid sin.

Verse 2—"Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith... Jesus is the ultimate example of a winner in the race of faith, but He is more. He is the object of faith, and He it is who stirs and perfects faith.

The Heart of the Lesson
From the record that the writer has given us concerning the achievements of faith of a few of the Old Testament characters, it is apparent that he could spend a long time if he were to exhaust the possibilities of that subject. He therefore breaks off at the end of verse 31, and begins to generalize. In this section of the chapter he indicates that there are varied expressions of faith. There are the exploits of faith, some of which he mentions. Faith has made some to be mighty military leaders, subduing kingdoms, waxing valiant in fight, turning to flight the armies of the aliens. By faith others have experienced great deliverances from the jaws of

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